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Applications sought from terror victims' kin for MBBS courses

New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry has sought applications from the spouse and children of victims of terror attacks for pursuing MBBS and BDS courses in medical and dental colleges under the central pool. The ministry has clarified to all states that selection for the same will be made only on the basis of marks obtained by the students in the NEET.

Suspension from RS latest rallying point for Opposition

Ten key bills sail through; Upper House may be adjourned sine die

RICHAN SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE suspension of eight Rajya Sabha members for unruly behaviour appeared to have increased the index of Opposition solidarity, as all non-NDA parties in both Houses of Parliament boycotted proceedings on Tuesday, saying they will continue to abstain till the action is revoked. The government, however, insisted that the eight MPs must first express their regret before the decision can be reviewed.

With no Opposition in the House, the Rajya Sabha passed seven key bills, including the amendment to the Essential Commodities Bill within just 3.5 hours. As for the Lok Sabha, it cleared three important pieces of legislation on labour codes.

With most of its legislative business already transacted, the Upper House is expected to be adjourned sine die on Wednesday. However, five Opposition MPs boycotted the Business Advisory Committee meeting of the Rajya Sabha called by Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu to discuss the truncation.

Earlier, during a brief discussion in the House, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, said no one was happy with what had happened on Sunday but MPs were denied their right to seek division on two important farm bills. "In 2016, Arun Jaitley had said that any government will

become illegitimate if the Speaker refuses to hold voting. For God's sake, do not move towards a 'one nation, one party' system," Azad urged.

He proposed that the government introduce another bill that makes it mandatory for private players not to purchase below the minimum support price (MSP). The new law should let farmers seek legal redress in case of any disputes. Also, MSPs should be announced based on the Swaminathan Committee formula, he said.

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Members of farmer organisations in Punjab return home after protesting against the passage of farm sector reform bills, in Patiala, on Tuesday | P1

STATE GOVT ATTEMPT TO MOVE LAND BILL STALLED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER more than six hours of discussion on Covid-19, the Karnataka Assembly on Tuesday passed four of the 12 Bills that were tabled in the House. The government's attempt to bring up the Karnataka Land Reforms (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020, for consideration was stalled by the Opposition, which demanded a detailed discussion on the Bill on another day. The Opposition's attack on the government over the Covid-19 situation and its management was the highlight on Day 2 of the session.

The Assembly however, approved a Bill amending the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act, 2009, which allows separate registration and grievance redressal authority, and an appellate authority for BBMP area for complaints against private hospitals, etc. District Deputy Commissioners will continue as the redressal authority for other districts. For Bengaluru, a five-member committee chaired by BBMP Commissioner will act as redressal authority, while an appellate authority, chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary or Secretary to the Health and Family Welfare has been set up under the Act. **P4**

India, China to stop sending more troops

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a significant move aimed at easing tension on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), India and China have agreed to stop sending additional troops to their respective sides of the LAC in eastern Ladakh. The major decision was taken while the Corps Commanders of the two countries met for the sixth round of talks on Monday.

A joint India-China official statement issued on Tuesday read, "Corps Commanders agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, strengthen communication on the ground, avoid misunderstandings and misjudgments, stop sending more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation."

There are around 40,000 troops each from the Indian and Chinese side with tanks, artillery and missiles positioned against each other. The Indian Army described the talks as "candid" in which the Indian and Chinese senior commanders had in-depth exchanges of views on stabilising the situation along the LAC in the India-China border areas. **P10**

TODAY'S MATCH

MUMBAI VS KOLKATA

Kolkata Knight Riders will open their IPL 2020 campaign against Mumbai Indians, in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday. This will be Mumbai's second game of the competition after they lost their first match against Chennai Super Kings.

ODDS: MIS/6 KKR 1

LIVE: Star Sports1/Hotstar @ 7.30pm

TUESDAY'S RESULT

Rajasthan Royals beat Chennai Super Kings by 16 runs



The pandemic has led to drying up of the state's Excise revenue. There was over 33% negative growth in April-June this year, as against the corresponding period last year. **P4**

House panel tables plan for 250 BBMP wards

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Joint Legislators' Committee, constituted to look into the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Bill, 2020, has recommended increasing the number of wards from 198 to 250.

A special report was tabled by the committee, headed by BJP MLA S Raghu, in this regard in the Assembly on Tuesday. Raghu has stated that they need time to review the BBMP Bill. This means BBMP elections are unlikely to be held anytime soon.

As the term of the BBMP Council has ended, the civic body has to go for an election. But going by the size of Bengaluru's population and geo-

graphical spread, there is a need to amend the existing Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, said the committee and recommended an amendment to change the maximum limit from 200 to 250 wards.

The BBMP Bill, tabled by the government in the Assembly in March, was referred to a joint committee after several City MLAs, including those from the BJP, opposed it.

The State Government constituted a 20-member Joint select committee in August, headed by BJP MLA Raghu, to look into the BBMP Bill. The committee recently requested Speaker Vishveshwara Hegde Kageri to give time till November.

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Shapoorji says it is ready to say TATA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HOURS after the Tatas offered to buy Shapoorji Pallonji group's entire stake in Tata Sons, the Mistry family-led group said it was ready to exit the Tata group.

The salt-to-Jaguar cars conglomerate told the Supreme Court on Tuesday it was open to buying out the 18.37% stake held by Shapoorji Pallonji in its holding firm Tata Sons. The Tatas made the offer verbally during the hearing on whether the SP Group can pledge Tata Sons shares to raise funds.

The SP Group issued a statement saying it had "stated before the Supreme Court that a separation from the Tata Group is necessary due to the potential impact this continuing litigation could have on livelihoods and the economy." The statement said "The Mistry family believes that a separation of interests would best serve all stakeholders."

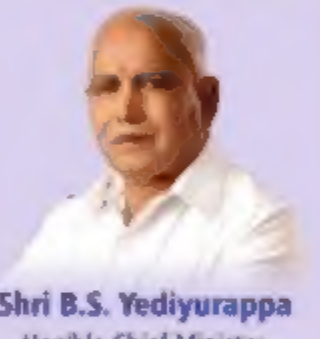
It added the Mistry family was "in the midst of raising funds against the security of their personal assets to meet the crisis arising from the glob-

al pandemic" but the Tatas were blocking this. The statement also alleged "several issues identified years earlier, continue to plague the group... Be it the operations of Tata Steel UK, where, over the last three years alone, the operational losses have increased by an additional ₹11,000 crore."

Appearing for the Tatas, senior lawyer Harish Salve said if SP Group wishes to sell the shares, Tata is willing to buy but the shares need to be protected. He urged the SC to stop the sale. **CONTINUED ON: P13**



Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister



Shri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister




HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka

Integrated Scheme

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) scheme providing Health care to all 6.50 crore people in the state

Free treatment for BPL families, entitled up to Rs.5.00 lakh per family, per year

APL families entitled 30% of the package rate with a cap of Rs. 1.50 lakh per family, per year

Treatment for Covid Patients is completely free under government quota



Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Shri B. Sriramulu visiting a hospital

PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME

- Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka scheme has **1,650** treatment packages
- 9.38 lakh** Patients were treated under the scheme
- Approved amount for treatment is **Rs.1,950 crores**
- 3,391** Public and Private Hospitals have been empanelled
- 1.40 Crore** Health Cards have been issued
- 74,199** Covid Patients have been treated free of cost
- Approved amount for Covid treatment is **Rs. 306.47 crores**
- Remdesivir injection** is given **free of cost** to Covid Patients treated under government quota
- Ceiling limit fixed by the Government** for cash patients for Covid treatment in Private Hospitals

HOW TO AVAIL THE SCHEME

- Patients should first go to the nearest Government hospital (PHI)
- If the PHI has capacity to treat the disease, treatment will be provided in the same hospital
- If the PHI has no capacity to treat the disease, patient will be given a referral and he will be able to get treatment in any empanelled hospital of his choice
- For 169 emergency treatments, patient can go directly to any empanelled hospital without referral
- PDS Card and Aadhaar Card are the eligibility criteria of the Scheme
- COVID treatment is completely free under government quota for all BPL and APL categories, migrant workers and inter-state returnees, who do not possess PDS card.

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